

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 57 without my signature.

I firmly agree that workers must be properly compensated for public works through the payment of prevailing wages. In fact, California has some of the strongest prevailing wage protections in the nation. The existing law satisfactorily affords the appropriate balance between ensuring fair compensation for workers and flexibility for employers.

This bill would arbitrarily impose timelines on employers crediting pension and other benefits used in determining prevailing wages. In doing so, the balance afforded in current law would be weakened.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger